

Village of Harveysburg

Police Committee

October 9, 2023 – 6:30 PM

Members Present:

- Mayor Richard Verga
- Kim Herberth – Chairwoman
- Charles Juniel
- Mark Tipton
- Richard Pottenger – Police Chief
- Leroy Sanders

Absent:

- Phil Trovillo

Village Staff Present:

- Heather Matuszak – Clerk of Council

Visitors / Guests:

- NONE

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*This is a summary of the meeting of the Harveysburg Police Committee held October 9, 2023, at 6:30 PM.
Upon request, a recording of the meeting is available for review.*
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Kim Herberth called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Roll Call: Herberth, Sanders, Tipton, Juniel, Pottenger, Mayor Verga

Motion made by Mr. Tipton to excuse Phil Trovillo. Second by Mr. Juniel. Vote – Herberth, Sanders, Juniel, Pottenger, Tipton, Mayor Verga – Aye / Nay – None. Motion passed.

Motion made by Mr. Tipton to approve the September 11th minutes as written. Second by Mr. Juniel. Vote – Herberth, Sanders, Juniel, Pottenger, Tipton, Mayor Verga – Aye / Nay – None. Motion passed.

Harveysburg PD report: Chief Pottenger

He was unable to take the wrecked cruiser to the county garage to have it stripped because it was blocked in by one of the maintenance trucks.

He states the Renaissance Festival continues with a few minor problems that are mostly alcohol related.

He states that Halloween for the Village will be October 28th from 6-8pm and will be preceded by a party in the gym from 3-6pm. The party will have refreshments, snacks, pumpkin painting, and a costume contest.

He states there are 2 new applications in progress.

He reports Officer Luker resigned. His full-time department would not allow him to hold two badges.

He reports that traffic was heavy last weekend and they received help from OSP on Saturday. The Renaissance Festival shut down the entrance for a period on Saturday and Sunday to help with the traffic buildup. He states there was an increased amount of people in the area due to the Waynesville Fall Fest and the Hillclimb. He states there were multiple accidents over the weekend that seemed to be caused by a lack of attention.

He reports he completed the Workman's Comp class so the Village should receive a discount next year.

Mr. Tipton states he has noticed citations are way down and asks Chief Pottenger to explain why. Chief Pottenger states that it is due to lack of officers and drivers seem to have slowed their speeds. Mr. Tipton asks how many hours during the week officers are working. Chief Pottenger states the last two weeks they worked 15-20 hours.

Mr. Tipton states that a request was received to interview Officer Roat or Officer Collins for a high school project. Chief Pottenger states he can arrange for an interview with Officer Roat.

Mr. Tipton asks if we are receiving reimbursements for the use of our cruisers for the Renaissance Festival. Chief Pottenger states we are not receiving reimbursement for the cruiser. Only the officer working with the duty car is being paid.

Mr. Tipton states he has heard of incidents of people being drugged unknowingly at the Renaissance Festival. Chief Pottenger states it's strictly rumors and there has only been one report. A 15-year-old and 20-year-old went to the hospital after eating gummy candies that someone was passing out and feeling odd. He states Lt. Perkins looked into it and the affected parties did not want to make a report.

Ms. Herberth asks if Chief Pottenger has been able to discuss with the solicitor and the magistrate on how we will release people from jail. Chief Pottenger has not been able to speak with them yet.

Mr. Tipton asks if the fire extinguisher has been refilled. Chief Pottenger states he has not because all the local places do not fill them anymore and he may need to buy a new one. Mrs. Matuszak states that Costco has small fire extinguishers on sale right now for under \$50.

Mr. Tipton reports that Saturday was very bad in the Village with people constantly running stop signs and speeding down roads. Mr. Tipton states they ran the stop sign at Main/Old 73/Wilson at least 7 out of 10 times. Ms. Herberth believes they were speeding through trying to get to the soccer fields to park and walk to the Renaissance Festival. Chief Pottenger states he was going to talk to the park district about placing signs for no festival parking at the park entrance.

Motion made by Mr. Tipton to adjourn at 6:50pm. Second by Mr. Juniel. All Aye.

Attest:

Heather Matuszak, Clerk of Council

Mayor Richard Verga

Kim Herberth, Chairwoman of Police Committee

Mark Tipton, Member Police Committee

Charles Juniel, Member Police Committee

Richard Pottenger, Police Chief

Leroy Sanders, Member Police Committee

Phil Trovillo, Member Police Committee